



**Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Intervention**  
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**DATE:** February 17, 2009

**TO:** Early Start Community

**SUBJECT:** Parent Leadership Award

The Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) on Early Intervention wants to identify and recognize exemplary parent leaders. If you know someone who is currently serving, or has previously served in a parenting role to a child with a disability, and believe that the person is a leader whose active participation in the Early Start community has positively impacted the early intervention system in California, please consider nominating the individual for this award.

The ICC is an advisory body to the Department of Developmental Services, the lead agency for Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), known in California as Early Start. The ICC Parent Leadership Award will recognize an individual whose leadership, through Early Start at the local, state, and/or federal level, is making a difference for young children and their families in California.

The attached materials provide information about the purpose of the award, instructions on how to make a nomination, criteria to be used in reviewing and evaluating nominations, and the selection process. The Nomination Form must be completed in accordance with the instructions and received by 4:00 PM Friday April 10, 2009 at the following address:

WestEd Center for Prevention and Early Intervention  
Attention: ICC Parent Leadership Award  
1107 9th Street, 4th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814  
Fax: 916/492-4002  
Please contact [cpei@wested.org](mailto:cpei@wested.org) with any questions.

Thank you for supporting the ICC's efforts to acknowledge and recognize parent leaders throughout California. Please share this information to other programs serving children from birth to age three and their families and consider nominating someone you think deserves recognition by the ICC.

Sincerely yours,

RAYMOND M. PETERSON, M.D., MPH

Chairperson

Attachment

cc: ICC Members and Community Representatives

# PARENT *Leadership* AWARD

## PURPOSE

The Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) Parent Leadership Award is designed to acknowledge the contribution of any person in a parenting role who has shown outstanding leadership in addressing issues under Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), known in California as the Early Start program.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

The nominee must have served in a parenting role to a child with a developmental disability, or who is at risk for a developmental disability. He or she may be any individual whose leadership has made a significant difference to infants and toddlers with special needs and their families served under Early Start. Nominees may include members of the ICC, Community Representatives to the ICC, or members of other parent organizations, or individuals.

Selection criteria includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- ✿ Extraordinary personal effort
- ✿ Substantial contribution to the field of early intervention
- ✿ Enhanced the quality of services
- ✿ Increased access and awareness of services
- ✿ Served in a mentorship capacity
- ✿ Promoted family relationships
- ✿ Empowered families
- ✿ Served as an advocate
- ✿ Showed outstanding leadership
- ✿ Represented the family voice at the local, state, or national levels
- ✿ Represented individual needs of their community

## SELECTION PROCESS

Nomination materials must include and should be limited to:

- ✿ a nomination form (see page 2), which includes contact information and a bio not to exceed 250 words\*
- ✿ a separate letter of nomination, not to exceed two pages, which includes an overview of the person's accomplishments as they relate to the award criteria
- ✿ two letters of support, not to exceed one page each

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The award recipient will be notified Spring 2009.

\* Self-nominations will not be considered.

# PARENT *Leadership* AWARD NOMINATION FORM

## NOMINEE:

name \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

city / state / zip \_\_\_\_\_

telephone \_\_\_\_\_ fax \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

## PERSON SUBMITTING NOMINATION:

name \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

city / state / zip \_\_\_\_\_

telephone \_\_\_\_\_ fax \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

## BIO

Not to exceed 250 words

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